

**BRIERCREST CHRISTIAN
ACADEMY:
HILDEBRAND CHAPEL
SPECIAL REQUEST**

SPECIAL REQUEST DETAILS:

PREAMBLE

Briercrest has enjoyed a successful return to in-person learning in Fall 2020. Every student, staff and faculty member were tested as part of our Return to Campus plan. We had one student who tested positive for Covid-19. Attached to that positive case there was one close contact as well. Thankfully, our quarantine plan worked effectively and both students were immediately isolated, supported and brought through their 14-day quarantine successfully and without any further issue. The positive case arrived on campus ill, but thankfully our plan and protocols prevented any community transmission. Since then, there have been no new cases, and we continually mitigate risk for our students, staff and faculty (and surrounding community of Caronport, SK) through daily health and temperature checks, mask wearing protocols, hand hygiene, and social/physical distancing protocols.

Now that our institution has worked out the kinks in the plan and have settled into a rhythm within this new normal, we are requesting an exemption for our chapel gatherings. Briercrest Christian Academy's (BCA) Corporate Chapel is a once a week (Friday) event where the student body gathers for a worship service for 45 minutes. This would include approximately 120 students and no more than 30 staff. We would not exceed 150 people. As we will layout, Briercrest owns a unique space that is able to easily accommodate a worship gathering of up to 150 people with complete safety and continued adherence to the COVID protocols and requirements.

FACILITY

The Hildebrand Chapel is a prairie landmark that facilitates Briercrest chapel times, Sunday worship services, Youth Quake (an annual youth event), and many other campus events such as musical and dramatic performances. With a seating capacity of well over 2 000, it is the largest chapel in the province.

(Chapel Floor Plan – see Appendix A)

THE PLAN

BCA will have chapel on Fridays from 10:05-10:50am in between periods 2 (9:00-10:00am) and 3 (10:55-11:55am). We will group students based on their period 2 class to ensure that our chapel time does not create another cohort change. Some ways this plays out practically are:

- Period 2 classes will travel as a group to the Hildebrand chapel.
- Students and staff in transit are required to mask up.

- Students enter and exit through the designated door for their cohort to prevent cohorts from mixing. As well, these entrances and exits are double doors that can be propped open to prevent a touch point.
- Cohorts will be assigned a particular section of the Hildebrand chapel to sit in.
- Students sit in every other pew (marked with a blue sticky note).
- Students are seated no closer than 2m to the next person in their pew. A maximum of 3 students can be seated in each pew to accommodate social distancing requirements.
- During chapel, masks are worn during singing, though they may be taken off while they are seated and listening to the speaker or presentation.
- Performers do not share microphones, observe physical spacing and have extra spacing from the audience. A huge stage allows a significant gap (>5 m) between performers, speakers and the student body.

CLEANING

From our “Return to Campus” plan our cleaning measures adhere to current IPAC regulations in conjunction with SHA IPAC recommendations.

Expansion of Cleaning Measures

Cleaning measures will adhere to current IPAC regulations and in conjunction with SHA IPAC recommendations. The Custodial Department will be adjusting schedules for optimal cleaning and disinfecting twice per day (personnel will be added to ensure these measures are fully adhered). In any specific area, if a staff or a student goes home sick that area will be cleaned and disinfected prior to resumption of use. Training will be provided to other staff who will increase disinfecting to high-touch areas throughout the day.

We will ensure that disinfectant is Health Canada approved.

The chapel is cleaned by the Custodial team after each use.

The Custodial team use Vital Oxide Hospital Grade Disinfectant for fogging the pews. They also use Terminator by Buckeye International for high touch areas.

APPENDIX A – HILDEBRAND CHAPEL FLOOR PLAN

